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SUBJECT:FY 1977-81 SECURITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM GUIDANCE
FOR LAOS

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JOINT STATE/DEFENSE MESSAGE

1. REFTTEL PROVIDED GENERAL INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE RELATIVE TO THE FY 1977 AND OUTYEAR SECURITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM TOGETHER WITH SPECIFIC INFORMATION NEEDED FOR (A) POM UPDATE SUBMISSION BY THE UNIFIED COMMAND AND (B) THE OVERALL ASSESSMENT OF THE SECURITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM BY THE CHIEF OF MISSION.

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2. THE FOLLOWING RELATES SPECIFICALLY TO THE FY 1977 AND
OUTYEAR SECURITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR LAOS:

A. SECURITY ASSISTANCE OBJECTIVES:

(1) ASSIST IN DEVELOPMENT AND SUPPORT OF A BALANCED FORCE
OF SUFFICIENT STRENGTH TO MAINTAIN INTERNAL SECURITY AND
TO PRECLUDE COMMUNIST DOMINATION OF THE COALITION GOVERN-
MENT.

(2) ENCOURAGE PURSUIT BY RLGA OF MILITARY OBJECTIVES COM-
PATIBLE WITH U.S. INTERESTS AND STRATEGY.

(3) CONTINUE TO ASSIST IN A WORKABLE DEMOBILIZATION PRO-
GRAM TO REDUCE THE SIZE OF THE PGNUAF TO PEACETIME LEVELS
WITHOUT DISRUPTING THE LAO ECONOMY OR JEOPARDIZING THE
STABILITY OF THE RLG.

B. PROGRAM GUIDELINES FOR FY 1977-81:

(1) ASSUME THAT THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE CEASEFIRE WILL
CONTINUE.

(2) ASSUME THAT THE LAOTIAN GROUND FORCES WILL BE REDUCED
FROM THE PROJECTED END FY 75 STRENGTH OF 50,000 TO 30,000
BY THE END OF FY 76 AND REMAIN AT THIS LEVEL FOR THE FORE-
SEEABLE FUTURE.

(3) ASSUME THAT THE LAOTIAN AIR FORCE WILL REMAIN AT ITS
CURRENT PERSONNEL STRENGTH AND WILL HAVE THE CAPABILITY TO
FLY 2,000 TAC AIR AND 300 GUNSHIP SORTIES PER MONTH. HOW-
EVER, PLAN MUNITIONS FUNDING FOR NOT MORE THAN 390 TACTI-
CAL ATTACK AND 30 GUNSHIP SORTIES PER MONTH.

(4) ASSUME COMBAT TRAINING ACTIVITIES WILL BE PERFORMED
BY RLGA.

(5) DO NOT PROGRAM FMS CREDIT IN ANY YEAR UNLESS ECONOMIC
FORECASTS CLEARLY INDICATE THAT LAOS CAN ACCOMMODATE SUCH
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CREDITS.

(6) AMMUNITION WILL BE PROGRAMMED TO PROVIDE A 15-DAY IN-
COUNTRY LEVEL. TRAINING AMMUNITION WILL BE PROGRAMMED
BASED SOLELY ON PROJECTED TRAINING REQUIREMENTS.

C. DOLLAR GUIDANCE FOR PLANNING (DOLS IN MILLIONS):

.....MAP MATERIEL GRANT TRAINING TOTAL 1

FY 77	25.5	1.0	26.5
FY 78	23.9	0.6	23.9
FY 79	24.0	0.5	24.5
FY 80	24.0	0.4	24.4
FY 81	24.0	0.3	24.3

NOTE: 1. ESTIMATED SUPPLY OPERATIONS COSTS ARE NOT INCLUDED
IN MAP MATERIEL DOLLAR GUIDANCE OR TOTAL. FOR FY 1977,
SUPPLY OPERATIONS COSTS ARE ESTIMATED AT 11.9 MILLION DOL-
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